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April 18, 2003

Mr. Doug Jensen  
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Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
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**Dear Doug;**

As per our recent discussions, this correspondence is intended to provide you a status report with respect to on-going activities related to our efforts to prepare a comprehensive Reclamation Plan for the Moab Salt Facility.

We have commissioned a cartographic firm to prepare a set a base maps needed to complete the plan. The cartographic effort will result in three digitized base maps as follows:

- ☐ 1" - 400' for the Entire Property
- ☐ 1" - 100' for the Solar Pond Area
- ☐ 1" - 100' for the Plant and Tailings Pond Area

It is anticipated that these maps and associated computer files will allow us to conduct all necessary analysis, design and engineering efforts as well as serve as base maps in the Reclamation Plan submittal.

We have completed the baseline vegetation analysis through a very reputable reclamation contractor / consultant and the results appear to be consistent with and support our conceptual reclamation scenario. A representative from the Utah DNR was present and in a follow-up letter he favored our approach at this juncture. There is more work to be done to fully support our reclamation approach and, as we discussed will be part of an on-going series of "plot studies".

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We have also initiated engineering and cost analysis activities through both Intrepid staff and outside contractors as follows:

- ☐ Demolition Design, Scoping and Costing
- ☐ Solar Pond Growth Media Preparation
- ☐ Aggregate Crushing and Sorting
- ☐ Slurry System Delivery
- ☐ Injection Well Design and Costing

Last week, all parties involved in the Reclamation Plan effort committed to completing specific elements of the Plan and associated deadlines. The resulting "**Reclamation Plan Development Schedule**" is attached for your review and input. Please note that the following milestones involve efforts from you / DOGM:

- ☐ Meeting at your office on 5/21/03 to review the schedule and any comments / input you have
- ☐ Meeting on site (Moab) (week of 7/7/03) to review progress so far
- ☐ "Unofficial Review" of the Reclamation Plan by DOGM (8/29/03)
- ☐ Submittal of the Final Reclamation Plan on 9/12/03

I believe that the efforts presented and the milestones outlined herein demonstrate our cumulative commitment to submit a quality Reclamation Plan resulting in a bond calculation supportable by all parties. Should you have any comments or questions please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Schowengerdt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Richard Schowengerdt**

*Principal Engineer*

*Principal Hydrogeologist*

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# RECLAMATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

Cane Creek Mine

**Intrepid Mining, LLC**

Moab, Utah

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Reclamation Component	Lead Responsibility	Support	Status	Completion Date
<b>1. Baseline Vegetation Field Work</b>				
-Undisturbed Transects	S. Viet	R. Klein - Vegetation / Reclamation	Complete - Report Submitted 2/2003	2/28/03
-Soil Samples		R. Schowengert - Engineering / Hydrology		
-12" Soil Analysis				
-Revegetation Recipe				
<b>2. Preparation of Base Mapping</b>				
-1" = 400' -- 10' contours Entire Property	H. Harvey / C. Corbin	R. Klein - Field	In Progress	5/16/03
-1" = 200' -- 5' contours Solar Ponds, Plant Area, Rail Spur	J. Lewis	R. Schowengert - Reclamation Plan		
<b>3. Delineation of Disturbed Areas</b>				
-Number / Label	R. Schowengert	R. Klein		5/19, 20/03
-Map Boundary / Area				
-Type				
<b>4. Delineation of Structures</b>				
-Number / Label	M. Ehardt	R. Klein		5/19, 20/03
-Map Boundary / Area				
-Type				
<b>5. Site Meeting</b>				
- #3 and #4 above	R. Jomayvaz	Others?		5/19, 20/03
-Review Cost Work Sheet w/M. Ehardt	H. Harvey			
-Review Reclamation Plan Outline	R. York			
-Review / Revise Assignments / Dates	R. Klein			
-Visit Crushing Contractor(s)	R. Schowengert			
-Review Proposed DOGM Meeting	M. Ehardt			
-Informal meeting with DOGM (In Salt Lake)	R. Schowengert	D. Jensen, W. Hedberg		5/21/03
<b>6. Slurry System Design</b>				
-Determine slurry Aggregate Sizing	R. Schowengert	R. York		6/13/03
-Pump and Piping Retrofit				
-Flow Rates / Volume		R. Klein		
-Water Requirements		R. Klein		
-Aggregate Feed				
<b>6a. Plant Media Preparation Options</b>				
-Buy / Operate / Depreciate	R. Schowengert	R. York		6/27/03
-Contract / Out-source		R. York		
-Lease / Operate		R. York		

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<b>7. DOGM Meeting (at Moab)</b>	R. Schowengardt	R. Jormayaz	Week of 7/7/03
-Present Reclamation Plan Outline	D. Jensen	H. Harvey	
-Present Demolition Worksheet Example	W. Hedberg ?	R. York	
-Propose Schedule for NOIIRMO Submittal		R. Klein	

## 8. Preparation of the Reclamation Plan / NOIIRMO

### Reclamation Plan Table of Contents

<b>Section 1</b>	R. York		5/19/03
<b>Mine Development / Production History</b>			
<b>Section 2</b>	R. York		5/19/03
<b>Regulatory History</b>			
<b>Section 3</b>			
<b>Pre-mining Conditions</b>			
3.1 Land Use	R. Klein		5/19/03
3.2 Site Access / Roads	R. Klein		5/19/03
3.3 Mineral / O&G Exploration Activities	H. Harvey		5/19/03
3.4 Vegetation	R. Klein		5/19/03
3.5 Soils	R. Klein		5/19/03
3.6 Surface Water	R. Schowengardt	R. Klein	5/30/03
3.7 Groundwater	R. Schowengardt		5/30/03
<b>Section 4</b>			7/18/03
<b>Current Conditions</b>			
4.1 Land Use	R. Klein		
4.2 Site Access / Roads	R. Klein		
4.3 Structures	M. Ehardt	R. Klein	
-Ref. Number / Name (from # 4 above)			
-Location Map (from # 4 above)			
-General Characteristics			
-Special Issues			
Asbestos			
Lead Paint			
PCBs		R. Schowengardt / R. York	
Hazardous Chemicals			
Organic Components			
4.4 Wells	R. Miller		
-Production Status			
-Abandonment Status			
-Ancillary Components			
4.5 Delineation of Disturbed Areas	R. Schowengardt	R. Klein	
-Ref. Number / Name (from # 3 above)			
-Location Map (from # 3 above)			
-General Description			
-Impact Category			

4.6 Baseline Vegetation Determination	R. Schwenngert	R. Klein / S. Viet		
-Completed in # 1 above - reformat)				
-Methodology				
-Transects				
-Community Types / % Cover				
-Soils / Growth Media				
-Natural Recovery in Impacted Areas				
<b>Section 5</b>				
<b>Future Production / Operations</b>				6/13/03
5.1 Solution Mining - No Bigger Footprint	H. Harvey			
5.2 New Wells / Pipelines / Access /	H. Harvey	R. Miller		
Ancillary Equipment		R. Klein		
<b>Section 6</b>				
<b>Reclamation Plan</b>				
6.1 Conceptual Plan / Sequence	R. Schwenngert	R. Klein		8/1/03
1) Install Waste Fluid Injection Well		R. Miller		
2) Structure Demolition		H. Harvey		
3) Rail Spur Removal				
4) Tailings Dam Removal / Landfill				
Construction				
5) Management of PCBs				
6) Remediation of Hydrocarbons				
7) Abandon Injection / Production Wells				
8) Abandon / Cap Shaft				
9) Decommission Solar Ponds				
10) Flush Brine Impacted Soils				
11) Revegetation of Disturbed Areas				
6.2 Waste Fluid Injection Well Installation	H. Harvey	R. Miller		6/30/03
- Location				
- Completion				
- UIC Permit				
- Ancillary Facilities / Operation				
- Injection Rate / Operation Term				
- Detailed Cost Breakdown				
6.3 Structure Demolition / Regrading	M. Ehart			7/7/03
6.3.1 Office Building				
-Name / Label (from #4 above)				
-Demolition Procedure Narrative				
-Special Handling Procedures				
-Detailed Cost Breakdown Sheet				
(see attached example)				
6.3.1 ... 6.3.7 For Each Structure				
-Name / Label (from #4 above)				
-Demolition Procedure Narrative				
-Special Handling Procedures				
-Detailed Cost Breakdown Sheet				
(see attached example)				
6.4 Rail Spur Demolition	M. Ehart	R. Schwenngert		7/18/03
-Demolition Procedure Narrative				
-Special Handling Procedures				
-Detailed Cost Breakdown Sheet				
(see attached example)				



6.5 Tailings Dam Removal / Landfill						7/18/03
Construction						
-Channel Diversion	R. Schwengerdt					
-Landfill Design / Permit	R. Schwengerdt					
-Material Handling	M. Ehardt					
-Detailed Cost Breakdown						
6.6 Management of PCBs	R. Schwengerdt	R. York				7/18/03
-PCB Characterization						
-TOSCA Handling / Disposal						
-Detailed Cost Breakdown						
6.7 Petroleum Remediation	R. Schwengerdt	R. Klein				7/18/03
-Characterization of Extent						
-Design / Operate Biocells						
-Detailed Cost Breakdown						
6.8 Abandon Injection / Production Wells	R. Miller	H. Harvey				7/18/03
-Identify Wells						
-Abandonment Procedure						
-UIC Permit						
-Detailed Cost Breakdown						
6.9 Abandon / Cap Shaft	H. Harvey / M. Ehardt	R. Miller				7/25/03
-Design / Procedure						
-UIC Permit						
-Detailed Cost Breakdown						
6.10 Decommission Solar Ponds						
6.10.1 Design Slurry System	R. Schwengerdt	R. York				7/25/03
-Retrofit Existing Lines						
-Rates / Volumes / Time Frame						
-Power / O & M						
6.10.2 Aggregate / Growth Media Prep.	R. Schwengerdt	R. York				
-Reserve Location / Quantity						
-Crushing / Material Handling						
-Production Rates / Volumes						
-Time Frame						
6.10.3 Solar Pond Area Preparation	R. Schwengerdt	R. Klein / S. Viert				
-Volume / Area Calcs.						
-Cut / Fold Dike Liner						
-Liner Perforation						
-Regrade Dikes						
-Slurry 1' Growth Media						
Detailed Cost Breakdown	R. Schwengerdt	M. Ehardt / R. York				
6.11 Flush Brine Impacted Soils	R. Klein	R. Schwengerdt				8/1/03
-Define Areas to be Flushed						
-Rates / Volume / Efficiency						
-Flushing Sequence						
-Delivery System						
-Detailed Cost Breakdown						
6.12 Revegetation of Disturbed Areas	S. Viert	R. Klein / R. Schwengerdt				7/18/03
-Surface Preparation						
-Seed / Fertilizer / Mulch						
-Irrigation						
-4/5 Year Sequence						
-Performance Documentation						
-Detailed Cost Breakdown						

6.13 Final Removal of Reclam. Equipment	R. Schowengerdt	M. Ehardt / R. Klein	7/25/03
-Slurry Line			
-Crushing / Material Handling Facility			
-Irrigation Equipment			
-Detailed Cost Breakdown			
Section 7			
Comprehensive Schedule			
CPC Chart / Narrative	R. Schowengerdt	J. Lewis	8/15/03
Section 8			
Reclamation Costs	M. Atkinson	R. Schowengerdt	8/15/03
-Individual Element Roll-up		R. Jomayvaz / H. Harvey	
-Escalation Factors			
-Final Bond Calculation			
Section 9			
On-Going Plot Studies	R. Klein / S. Viert	R. Schowengerdt	8/22/03
-Narrative / Rational			
-Flushing			
-Revegetation / Salt Tolerance			
-Minimum Growth Media Cover			
Section 10			
Contemporaneous Bond Reduction Activities	R. Schowengerdt	R. Klein / R. York	8/22/03
-Rational / Narrative			
-Identified Elements			
-Tentative Schedule			
-Reclamation Plan / Bonding Revisions			
9. Review	R. Jomayvaz /		
-Internal	H. Harvey		8/29/03
-Unofficial by DOGM	D. Jensen		8/29/03
10. Final Submittal to DOGM			9/12/03